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SUBJ: AID BILATERAL AGREEMENT

REF: BANGKOK 17140

1. IN A FINAL REVIEW BEFORE SENDING THE PROPOSED AID BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR HIS REVIEW AND APPROVAL, RTG MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE DISCOVERED TWO INCONSISTENCIES IN THE RTG AND USG DRAFT TEXTS. MOFA REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ASKED THAT WE CHANGE QUOTE AGREEMENT UNQUOTE IN ARTICLE III TO QUOTE ARRANGEMENT UNQUOTE SO AS TO PERMIT GREATER LATITUDE IN THE FORM USED TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE I. THE PROPOSED ARTICLE III WOULD READ:

ON THE BASIS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE CONCLUDED UNDER ARTICLE I OF THIS AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND SHALL, AS SPECIFIED IN A SEPARATE ARRANGEMENT, PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES.

2. ARTICLE V WOULD BE SHORTENED BY ELIMINATING THE FIRST SENTENCE (REFTEL). MOFA OFFICIALS FEEL IT IS REDUNDANT TO STATE WHAT IS ACCEPTED AND COMMON DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE. ARTICLE V IN ITS ENTIRETY WOULD READ:

THE TWO GOVERNMENTS WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES NECESSARY
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FOR THE OBSERVATION AND REVIEW OF THE CARRYING OUT OF THE PROJECTS

AND PROGRAMMES, AS WELL AS THE USE OF ASSISTANCE FURNISHED
UNDER IT.

3. EMBASSY/USOM HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE RTG SUGGESTIONS AND
RECOMMEND APPROVAL. MOFA OFFICIALS HAVE RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF
THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE SIDE LETTER AND ARE CONFIDENT THAT A
RAPID RESPONSE FROM OUR SIDE CAN RESULT IN A SIGNED AGREEMENT
SHORTLY AFTER AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE RETURNS.
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